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from the PRESIDENT'S DESK

Summer is here now and before we know it August will be here. On August 16th starts the A.N.A. convention in Boston, Mass. I sure do hope to see many of you folks there.

T.E.C. will have a TEC table somewheres on the Bourse floor of the A.N.A. convention, starting on Tuesday August 17th. Anyone wishing to put in an hour or two later on in the day please write to me. I will be there during the earlier hours starting about noon time. Thanks to Frank Brazzell and Brad Ream we will have some coins to give out to new prospect members or people who stop by to ask about joining "The Elongated Collectors."

The TEC Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday August 17, 1982 at the A.N.A. convention at 10 a.m. at the Dalton A-B room/ Conference level. You have to find the floor yourself as I don't know what floor this is on. All directors should be there.

Our annual TEC meeting for all TEC members will be on Fri. August 20, 1982 at 10 a.m. at the Fairfax B room/conference level. Again I don't know what floor its on but it will be easy to find. Our program for the meeting will be Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers with elongated coins and I will bring a few of the hand made covers and a few others I've had made. Anyone else who has a P.N.C. cover they had made, please bring them in and lets see your work.

Elmer Anderson has donated some covers, which I have added an elongated coin to them and I'll get them cancelled at the convention. We will then try to sell them at our TEC meeting. If we have any left we will sell them through the TEC NEWS. So far only one to a member will be sold as we only have a small limit of 25. The money will go to the TEC treasury. The cover is for the 15 anniversary of TEC.

We already received coins from Frank Brazzell, Brad Ream and Roy and Vance Fowler and each member will receive one of each. I hope a few more will donate coins to give out for this meeting. So send your donations as soon as you can. I know a few others told me that they would donate but I haven't heard anymore. The only ones I will give credit will be the ones who give the coins to me so I can put them in to baggies to hand out to the TEC members at the TEC meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont. from page one)

If you give the coins out on your own thats up to you and your own business.

We will proudly donate $200. for the A.N.A. Building Fund or for what ever the A.N.A. needs it for. We now have about $196., so we should get four more dollars needed to donate to the A.N.A. If you care to donate please mail it right in. I'm very pleased and happy we have such kind members who gave freely for this worthy cause. It did surprise me a lot as to the members who did donate, as many I haven't met before. I dont even know if they ever been to an A.N.A. convention. I really do appreciate all that was donated, it shows people do open up their hearts. All I can say is thank you my friends.

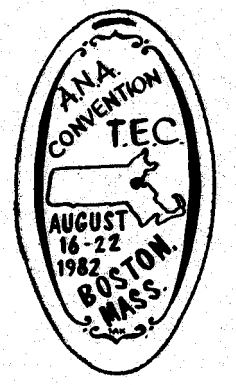
Our last few months have been very rough as Al was in the hospital for seven weeks. So that was traveling about 25 miles each day to go see Al. The day Al came home was the happiest day of my life. He may of been sick and on a big heart machine but I suffered with him. As Al was in the hospital the Vice President Richard Grabowski came over and gave me a hand on TEC business. I also have to thank Chester Grabowski for the help he gave us. So we hope the TEC NEWS will be in the mail on time. Take our mistakes with love for you as Al was having it very rough and I was worried a lot. So I did the best I could with the TEC NEWS.

With the good Lord willing Al and I hope to see many of you in Boston, Mass. at the TEC meeting. Al may be weaker a little but as long as no heavy work he will get his job done. So come to the meeting with a prayer in your heart to have a good time and you know we will.

Have a nice summer and you all stay healthy. When you come to the meeting give us a hand where needed and you'll go home a much happier person. So smile and say hello Sally and Al as you see us sitting at the TEC table, or in the hotel lobby on the 2nd floor. Remember we love you all. So smile and God Bless you All.

Sally Kirka TEC president

1982 TEC BADGES



On the left is a picture of the 1982 TEC badge for Boston, Mass. It is rolled out on quarters and everyone, is nicely made. There is a hole on top which holds the red, white and blue ribbon. This is an actual size of the rolled quarters. I think the die was very nicely engraved. Due to extra cost the 1982 TEC Badges will go up to $4.50 this year. So far only those that ordered a badge, will be able to buy one. So if you haven't ordered one, do so before its to late. I will wait two more weeks after July TEC NEWS is out or until July 18th. If you did not order one by then you'll be out of luck. Don't blame me later that you forgot, as I had this in TEC NEWS in last two issues. I went back to making them with map of state where the A.N.A. convention is being held, by popular demand. Anyone still wanting to buy that 1982 TEC badge, do so right now. Write to Sally Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040. Do not send checks now, as we won't start mailing them out until late September. Those that are at the convention can buy direct from Sally Kirka.

The deadline for the next TEC NEWS is August 1, 1982. So if you have a good article about elongated coins, please send it right in. Please keep your articles to one page as we are limited for space.

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The opinions written in the articles, in the TEC NEWS are not necessarily those of the editor, or the officers of the TEC Club. The editor reserves the right to edit articles as deemed necessary. Articles unsigned will not be used. Short articles are preferred. Long articles will be put in two parts or put in when there is space for them. The entire contents of articles sent to the editor become the property of TEC and will not be returned and none are to be reprinted, in whole or in part without the written permission of the editor.

Photos sent in with articles or ads must be sent to us already screened for printing, as our budget does not allow for this screening process. Sharp and clear newspaper photos can be used as these have already been screened for printing, and if they are not to large. Derogatory articles will not be printed.

NOTICE! ALL ADVERTISERS

Advertising rates will remain the same for the present until a further study is made. Only camera ready ads will be accepted until further notice.

Camera ready - Full page ad $25.00 ½ page $15.00 ¼ page $10.00

DEADLINE NOTICE

DEADLINE DATES FOR NEXT ISSUE

August 1, 1982

SECRETARYS REPORT

I received another letter from a TEC member Robert Stafford and he wrote. I am writing to try to clear up some comfusion which must exist with the 1981 membership list of my wife Shirley Stafford and my sister Mary Paul and I Bob Stafford.

He said he wrote a check for $5.00 in early 1980 to past secretary for membership. He received no word and check was never cancelled, so he thought the check was lost. On 7/4/81 he again wrote another check for $15.00, including membership for his wife Shirley and Mary Paul and for himself. The check arrived as he received a respond and received a membership card from past secretary. For some reason that check has never been processed through his checking account to this day. He also has never received anything else since he joined.

As I became the new Secretary I didn't get any records until the middle of November so we had no way of knowing who really was a member. We did send a TEC NEWS to those who have been recorded in the past secretary's book. There is no record of Bob even joining. Now mistakes can happen so we blame no one but we want to keep all members so I will do all I can to clear up a lot of this. Any questions please write.

With the new checks Bob sent us we marked all three as paid for the 1982 dues and the other check we sent back to Bob as he had enough problems so far. We hope this helps all three and welcome to TEC, Bob, Shirley and Mary Paul. This is not of my doing but we are sorry to put you through all this. You are now on record. You are already sent your membership cards and coins and also the 1982 January and April issues of the TEC NEWS.

If there is anyone else out there that has paid their 1980 or 1981 dues and hasn't heard any-more please write to me the new Secretary Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040 and we will try to help you out and get the records straight. You also have to have some proof you had paid as otherwise I have to go by the records sent me. You also must remember lot of letters get lost to.

Please always pay dues by check so you yourself have a record. Do not send cash! Also all checks should be made out to TEC, or The Elongated Collectors. This will help a lot.

Since taking over again in August the TEC president, my wife Sally makes me make out three cards out with members name and check number and three officers now get or hold one card. As when we received the records in the middle of November we couldn't make a move until we had all the records. Yes, there was some confusion, but things are getting straighting out.

Another member from Florida wrote they paid at convention. They have to take this up with who they paid as theres no record of this. Again I didn't take over yet. This again is why the president said dues are not to be paid at a convention. No one carries around all their records and lot of confusion can happen. So remember pay by mailing a check to me. Beside dues are due starting in late November or from January 1st to March 1st of every year.

After spending seven weeks in the hospital, my wife President Sally Kirka and Vice President Richard Grabowski and Chester Grabowski did help me a lot by keeping up all my TEC records for me. A thank you to all who have helped me in any way.

Have any questions or problems write to president Sally Kirka or me as we both aim to please all. Mistakes can be made but they can be corrected to. So far since taking over we have cleared up many problems.

Respectfully submitted Al Kirka sec.

WELCOME TO THE NEW MEMBERS

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A.N.A. BUILDING FUND

Ed Black	$10.00	Lyle Brooks	
Raymond Dillard	2.50	In memory of his wife	$5.00
Julie Harris	2.00	Ralph Wright	2.00
Elnora Wright	2.00	Thomas Armstrong	2.00
Lou Ann Prosack	2.00	total $27.50	

Previous total $168.50, current donations $27.50, new total $196.00.

I want to thank you all for your donation to the A.N.A. building Fund as it will be nice to hand the A.N.A. officer the check at our TEC meeting at the ANA convention in Boston, Mass. Theres still time to send in your donation if you haven't done so already.

NOTICE

I received word that the TEC Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday August 17, 1982 at the A.N.A. convention at the Sheraton Hotel, at the "Dalton A-B/Conference level, at 10:00 a.m. sharp. If we all get there by 10 a.m. we can finish the meeting and all Board members can leave for what ever else each has to do. I will not change the date or hour for anyone as the A.N.A has given us that time and room for our Board meeting.

The general TEC meeting is scheduled for Friday August 20, 1982 promtly at 10 a.m. in the Fairfax B/Conference level. Be there a little earlier to visit, also the meeting is starting at 10 a.m. promtly. Hope to see many of our TEC members there. After the TEC meeting members can sell their elongated coins or trade with others. So all you rollers or anyone has a few coins for sale, bring them in. I already have a few things for the members who are at the TEC meeting, but I will leave this as a surprise to all. So remember the date for our general TEC meeting on Friday August 20, 1982 in the Fairfax B/Conference level or floor. With the good Lord willing we will see you all in Boston, Mass., at the TEC general meeting. Come to have a nice time and remember we love you all.

Gary Bible, 8 Long Forest Apts., Greenville, S.C. 29609 has four nice new coins for sale at 50¢ each, plus S.S.A.E. See his ad on another page for more details. He has the first World's Fair elongated coin for 1982. Beautiful is all I can say!

BUY - SELL - TRADE

Wanted to trade, Brad Ream, 1654 - 4th Ave., Terre Haute, Indiana, 47807, will trade one of his coins for one of yours, from 1-100 coins. I suggest you write to him first on this deal as I don't know what coins he has. Happy trading to all. He also has coins at 50¢ each plus S.S.A.E.

Wanted: Elongated coin rolling machine, prefer a used one and reasonable priced. Write to Fred Golembewski, 86 High St., North Attleboro, Mass. 02760. Phone 1-617-695-0616.

Roy S. Fowler, Sr., 4048 Penticton Circle, N.E., Salem, Oregon. 97305 has coins available, 30 coins for $7.50, postpaid. Less then 30 you pay postage. If you would like a list of the coins available send an S.S.A.E. Roy asks for TEC number with letter but if I know members, half don't know their own. Roy TEC NEWS is sent to the members only.

Elmer Anderson of Pontiac, Press, 35 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R.I. 02886., HAS TWO VERY NICE COINS. One is of George Washington and the other is of Franklin D. Roosevelt. As far as I know the pennies are 75¢ each, plus S.S.A.E. Write for more information and put in S.S.A.E.

Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Colorado 80010 has a rolling machine and has sent me a nice Christmas coin. Write for more information and don't forget the S.S.A.E. Also he travels around a lot, so you may have to wait for an answer.

Ed Wooton, % Big 3 Tire, 1112 N. Main St., Roswell, N.M. 88201 has 8 new elongated coins for sale. All 8 for $3. and S.S.A.E. On nickels all eight for $5. and S.S.A.E.

Cecil E. Walls, 1510 N. Harding St., Orange, Calif. 92667 has about 17 to 20 coins for sale. Pennies are 50¢ each, nickels 75¢ each plus S.S.A.E. Write for more information if you need it.

Charles Severs, 1208 Potomac Place, Louisville, Ky. 40214 has new elongated cents, 4 or 5 in all, 50¢ each plus S.S.A.E. Will also do some trading, one of mine for two of yours of your duplicates.

James Warmus, Box 1035, Burbank, Calif. 91507 sent me an elongated list #102 with a list of about 200 elongated for sale. You will need the book Yesterdays Elongateds to look up what most of the coins are. No word was sent other then the list. So please write to him for more information and send an S.S.A.E.

Wanted by Jane Sears, 9323 Waltham Wood Road, Baltmore, Maryland 21234. MDbal-2, K of P Convention 1913. Have nice MO-SLWF-17, man riding on Fish to trade for it. Please write.

There is no cost of three lines of free ads in Buy-Sell-Trade pages but only my write up. If you want to write your own ad, its a paid ad. See page three for price of paid ads. You also must have them camera ready. Also do not send in all folded up ads which I can't use that way. A messy ad can't be used at all and am to busy to redo your ad. The paid ads must be used on new dark tape in your typewriter. A camera ready ad means just that. Also when you send in a ¼ page ad make sure its a ¼ page ad and not a ½ page ad, as you will be billed for a ½ page ad. All ads must be paid at once.

EDITORS NOTES OF INTEREST

Dr. Herman S. Maul of Lakewood, Colorado sent some extra elongated coins he had and told me to do as I saw fit. Thank you Dr. Maul as we will use some for the TEC auction or where ever they are needed. This is appreciated by us.

A special thanks to Vance Fowler for sending some elongated coins for the TEC Archives. Sorry Vance as I forgot to mention this in the April issue. This is appreciated by TEC. At times we dont have room to put everything in the TEC NEWS so in case I ever forget let me hear about it as we aim to please. Send all coins to Al Kirka, 116 Oak Street, Manchester, Conn. 06040, for the TEC archives.

Received some beautiful cards with two elongated coins on them for the TEC auction from Oliver Ramsey of Lubback, Texas.

The Soaring Society of America celebrated its 50th birthday in Houston in April 1982. To commemorate this event, Oliver rolled a special elongated coin with a Glider on it. He rolled several hundred on 1982 pennies which were for sale at the convention. He also rolled just fifty on 1932 pennies since that was the birth of SSA. Since we were in the midst of the Depression, not many pennies were minted in 1932 and they are considered scarce by collectors. He mounted one each of the 1982 and 1932 pennies on cards. The dates show clearly on the back of the elongated pennies. These are not available no other place or time, as these are a true collector's item. These will be auctioned off at the TEC meeting in Boston, Mass.

Abe and Anna Gefter, 340 West 28th St., New York, N.Y. 10001, went to Florida this past winter to enjoy the warm sun. Instead both of them spent a lot of time in bed and in the hospital. Both have been very sick. Our prayers go to both of you on a healthy and a quick recovery. If you have a minute, why not send them a get well card and say hello Abe and Anna, hope your feeling better. A card really does help you get better.

Just received word that Irving Canter won 2nd place on his elongated coin exhibit at the New York show in May. It sure was nice to hear this as we haven't heard lately if others have been exhibiting their elongated coins. If you do exhibit why not make a nice article about your exhibit and elongated coins. So many nice coins were made lately and its a good chance to let others hear about the elongated coins. Congratulations to you Irving and may you win many more.

COLLECTING ELONGATED P.N.C.'S

BY HAROLD SNYDER
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

I started to collect elongated P.N.C's about ten years ago. A good friend of mine who lives in Arizona sent me one of the London Bridge of Lake Havasw City. It was a beautiful cover and coin. I also have one of the Philatelic Numismatic Combinded Covers made by the 99 Company. The elongated cent in it was made by Dottie Dow.

I now have about 100 nice P.N.C's in my collection. I buy them from the dealers who sell them and I find there are only a few. In my opinion they are a very nice item to collect. The cachets on the covers are truly beautiful. A collection of these are well worth the the time it takes to make and are also very historical.

I strongly urge anyone who does not have a collection of these, to begin collecting them. They form a very interesting and colorful collection and makes a nice exhibit at any coin show. There are also elong coin cards that go well in the collecting of P.N.C.'s. So give it a try and you may enjoj it as much as I do.

EDITORS NOTES OF INTEREST

When paying your dues always pay by check and make the check out to T.E.C. or The Elongated Collector. This way you yourself have a record with your cancelled check. Also to get your membership card and coin, send all dues to Sec. Al Kirka, 116 Oak St., Manchester, Conn. 06040. If sent direct to the treasurer he can only record this so you don't receive any card or coin. Its up to the secretary to record all this to keep the record straight.

One member said he paid cash to someone in New Orleans but we did not receive any record of this and have no way to check The only way to check this out is to get in touch with the person you gave the money to as we don't know who it was.

Brad Ream wrote to us saying he sent a check before we took over to join TEC and never heard a word or was his check ever cashed. I suggested that Brad cancel that check at once. Brad sent us a new check and became a new member of TEC on March 20, 1982. Welcome to the club Brad. Al sent the TEC NEWS out and membership card and coin the same day we received his letter. No use to making him wait any longer. Brad also sent me a nice sample of his store card coin. Very nicely made. See his address on Buy-Sell-Trade page.

When writing or sending a check to anyone make sure you have the correct address and your correct address and sip code number. Your letters can easily get lost in the mail. Also keep a record of who you sent your check or letter to as we sure don't know. We will help but we to need a record of this to.

On March 26th we received word that our TEC member Pearl Crabb lost her husband suddenly on Sunday March 21st. This was very sad as only a month ago another TEC member Ruby Threlkeld lost her husband on February 17th. Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to you Pearl Crabb and Ruby Threlkeld from all of us. Anyone wishing to send either one a card, please do so. Pearl Crabb, 1426 W. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80904. Ruby Threlkeld, 1028 Azalea Ct., La. Marque, Texas 77568.

We received word here that our TEC member Charles Mueller, 3746 So. East Ave., Berwyn, Ill. 60402 is recovering from a stroke and its very sad to hear this as Mr. Mueller was very active in collecting elongated coins. Our prayers go with you Charles and the best of health to you in the coming days. Open up your hearts folks and send a get well card or letter to Charles as you know yourself how much a card is appreciated by anyone when your sick.

Just got word that Ginnie Aldridge also gave out an elongated coin of hers to the TEC members who attended the meeting in New Orleans. It should be noted that unless you hand the coins over to the president so they know you are donating coins, otherwise theres not much can be done. If you give out coins on your own, then its your own business. I know I will acknowledge only the coins that are given to me long before the TEC meeting, or are sent to me. What I try to do is if we can is put them in small baggies and hand them out to all the TEC members. Like this some of the TEC members were missed last year. Yet from what I hear the non-members that come in for the freebees even got extras. I know as one of the guest tried to sell me a coin later on. When I asked if this person was a member they said no they only are interested in getting the free coins to sell.

TEC meeting August 20, at Sheraton Hotel in Boston, Mass. at 10 a.m.

ROLLING ALONG

BY BRAD REAM
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

I've been collecting coins for nineteen years now and have specialized in French coinage for the last twelve years. I had only a passing interest in elongated coins. Then I receeved many of the ones Frank Brazzell put out, here in Terre Haute. During the past year my interest in elongated coins has grown immensely.

I've gone with Frank on a couple trips to deliver penny rolling machines. Last October Frank and another friend Bennie and I went out to New Mexico and then up to Idaho to deliver two machines. We were gone four days and drove about 4000 miles. Since then we have visited Chester Rogers in Arkansas a few times to and also went to New Orleans over a weekend. Now aside from rolling along in Franks Van I also got to meet Lloyd Wagaman at the IKO-TANS meeting in Indianapolis.

Then I got to roll some elongated coins in December. The first night I rolled about 350-400 coins. The next day I was lucky to be able to use my right arm to lift the phone. In January while talking with Frank about rolling some coins off the dies of House of Elongated dies that Frank bought. Frank put the White H-E machine he had in the back of the shop on a stand and loaned it to me along with a few dies of H-E. Since then I've purchased this machine and now have some made for myself. Not many have the opportunity that Frank gave me as now I roll coins almost every night.

Since then I've rolled more than 17,000 pennies in the last four months and numerous other coins. As I told Frank I may not be selling many but I'm building a heck of a lot of stock. I'm hoping to trade some of the coins I've rolled to expand my collection.

I also have the capability on my machine to roll two sided elongated coins. These I limit to 50 pennies per die. Due to the increased pressure involved I've ruined a couple dies. Yet as a roller you can do a lot, such as rolling special coins or partial rolls. Once while rolling coins of the French dies at Franks shop we rolled some complete sets of U.S. coins.

I told Frank if we tightened the machine down more we could probably stretch the half dollar out enough so we could get both dies on the same coins. Frank tightened the machine down and started a half dollar but was only able to get it started. So I got hold of the handle to and together we rolled out the coin. It turned out very good. So I told Frank we would have to roll another as I knew he would want one for his collection too. We ended up rolling two halves two SBA dollars and a foreign coin which we gave to Chester Rogers. The only other one of these is a S.B.A. dollar with only part of one die on it.

Currently I plan to keep rolling coins and also rolling down the roads when possible. Ever wonder how fast you can roll coins? I roll ed 18 in one minute the other night. Only one coin was wrong when I got it upside down.

Did I mention the history behide my machine. Bob Luchtman made it for H-E. Later H-E sold all dies and equiptment to someone in Chicago. Then Frank Brazzell bought the H-E items, which I then bought from Frank. So I ended up with the White Machine pictured in the "Yesterdays Elongateds" on page IX.

The deadline for the next TEC NEWS is August 1, 1982. If its not here by then it will go into the next issue. Please don't write days later and say, I hope I'm not late? You can bet you are. The deadline means just that. So please send it in early.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BY MARK R. WRIGHT
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Hope your leg is healing and is much better Sally. Seems like theres been a lot of accidents lately. I pulled the tendons in my right arm cranking out pennies. I wasn't accustomed to making 25,000 coins for one customer. This was a store token good for two drinks for the price of one and were thrown at our St. Patrick's Day parade. Our parades are somewhat different than in other cities is that we throw souviners.

It's a tremendous untapped market for elongated coins. Most groups throw Aluminum Doubloons which are cast and minted here. Some of them are quite elaborate and have become collectors items. Some are done in gold and silver and presented to the King and Queen of the group. There are a large groups of collectors here. I started to late this year trying to make Mardi Gras doubloons in that quantity. Some of the groups order over 1,000,000 doubloons made.

However I approached the head of the Decatur St. Irish Club, who owns Molly's at the Market. They went with the store card, two for one idea and ordered 25,000 elongated coins made. Thats the largest single order I know of, but it's small compared to the potential market.

It took me 22½ hours of constant cranking, two different days and when I was almost done I moved up. I didn't have the coin caught properly and swung the handle. Pressing hard and not getting any resistance I ended up tearing the muscles and tendons in my right shoulder. This was very painful. I had to have someone else finish the rolling.

Another interesting elongated coin in the process of making is for a local school. McDonough 15 is a public school that specializes in the arts and has used many innovative teaching techniques. Many of their programs need funding not available through the school system, so, every spring they have a fair.

Many artists and crafts-people in the state come for this fair. In fact they come from Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, etc. This is no average school fair. The children provide a lot of the entertainment such as a play written by the students and performed by them and they also have a tremendous jazz band. They have performed all over the United States and even in Europe. It's amazing when the instruments are often larger than the children. The music teacher is a world renowned bassist and leads several "Preservation Hall Jazz Bands."

To get to the point, this year the children are having a contest to design the school elongated coin. Over 400 designs have been entered and by April 15th will have a panel select the logo most representative of the school. The fair is May 15-16 and I'll donate the machine and die for the fair. Many parents and children are excited about this addition to their fair.

One more thing before close. I am interested in finding out the history of elongated coins. Was the first elongated coin made at the 1893 World's Fair? Who started the idea? I've been doing this in a commercial way for eight years and just found out about "The Elongated Collectors". In fact with three machines on Bourbon St., averaging 1200-1500 coins a day during 9 or 10 months and half that the rest of the year. Almost 2,000,000 elongated coin are rolled out every year on Bourbon St. I definitely would like to find out more about this fascinating business and hobby.

John G. Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171st Terr., Miami, Florida 33055 has a R. Valentino elongated coin for sale. They are 75¢, plus S.S.A.E.

ERRATA

BY LEE MARTIN, N.L.G.
BEAUMONT, CALIF.

Life can be beautiful! When Dottie and I completed our book we probably expected some caustic comments. After all we were going into uncharted fields in pricing a lot of coins that previously were being priced by the hit and miss method. Chances are that some collectors were greatly disappointed by the prices. It is very possible that some coins were priced lower than they should have been and some higher but in almost every instance the pricing was bases upon reported sales. Fortunately for Dottie and myself, most collectors have been very understanding and cooperative.

I am happy to report that only one or two individuals were not happy with the book and if a consensus report could be issued, the book Yesterday's Elongateds was well received. However some students of the hobby have reported a few errors or oversights so here goes with last minute data.

From Tom Schmidt of Hammonton, N.J. a bit of data that 1940 is listed in the New Orleans Mardi Gras section. (He is right, I did have the coin available but somehow it slipped by.) Pricing is the same as LA no 3. (3)

The most glaring error is on page 155 WASoly 1. It states NOT a post 1965 issue. Delete the word NOT as it IS a recent issue. In a few Library hardcovers this has already been done.

Frank Deegan was complimentary about the book but feels that the CAL-AE coins are underpriced. He states the 3A - "Never saw one," 5- "Took me Years", 5A-15 years to be exact to locate one.

That illustrates one of the hard facts of life about our hobby. Coins that are scarce in some areas are not in others. I'd appreciate a report from TEC members indicating if they have the coins as that would help clarify the ratings. Incidentally we did ask number of advanced collectors and dealers to help price coins and their consensus helped establish our price ranges.

Russ Sears rates as a true student and has furnished a lot of information. He bought a N.J.ac 6 with attached tag "Souvenir of Atlantic City & Steeplechase Pier." Atlantic City was where Lee was raised and he has many fond recollections of the Steeplechase amusement Pier. It burned down so coins are now real memory pieces.
1912 Baltimore-Democratic National Convention issue and was part of George Fulds collection. (It is on a liberty nickel.) Russ and wife Jane do a lot research in various fields but specialize in tokens of Baltimore. (All Maryland, but their city is the primary target zone.) SOCal-1 was rolled at the New York 1939-40. OOPS, Dottie and I really didn't know that NY-WF(1)-41 was risque issue. You'll have to figure out what area has to be canceled to discover the "Unusual" portrait.

Russ also submitted two unlisted coins. One apparently merely an oversight and not truly scarce. It is a different Pan-American Electric Tower. The second coin is a New York World's Fair 1939 issue featuring SUNVALLEY/A WINTER WONDERLAND/ trylon and perisphere visible with a ski ramp overall winter valley scene. Horizontal image and anchored by NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.

Angie Rosato's book is on everyone's mind. Depending on his health it may or may not be ready for Boston get together. Angie did send some errata data. Page 59 Daughters of Pocahontas, The staff is not a staff but rather a tomahawk. The elongated coin is horizontal. Page 164 Austria and Foreign missing from index.

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Page 26 - Royal George is on page 26 but listing states page 25. Page 160 Wisconsin State Fair is vertical and is listed as horizontal. Page 68 has number upside down and should be changed to page 68. (Looks like 89.)

John Spadone points out a real error in that there is not a N.J. Misc.1 xxx. It seems he had made the coin up as a joke and when it appeared as unlisted in his brochures our researchers accepted it as genuine. So thank you John for the information. (Freehold, N.J. does exit.)

Now to sum up. If there is any fault with the book please blame Lee Martin. If you like the book thank Dottie as her book was the basic one from which data was derived. Both were instrimrntal in assembling information but lee put it together and haste truly does makes waste. (A note from Lee, "I'm going to hate myself in the morning.)

As to the book itself. All Libraey editions are sold except those in the stock of a few dealers. Only the soft covers remain and there are less than 300 of those, so chances are that the next few months will see the end of the book as an available issue. We are happy to report that the Library hardcover is now reselling for substantially more than its original price.

Just in case this article leads you to believe that the book was not well received the following comments are in our files.

"The book is informative and well written, for this we all thank you".

"I received both copies and am quite pleased. Thank you for your work in publishing this fine book."

"I have read your book and think it is excellent. I only wish I had been collecting when you wrote your first book."

"Received book yesterday, it certainly is a fine book. Congrats to you and Dottie."

"I am well pleased with the book. I want to say it is well laid out and edited. It is the finest book of its kind ever printed" and on and on saying he liked the book.

There are many more letters of this type so about all Dottie and Lee can say is thank you for your help, your kind words and your understanding. Without TEC members, the book would not exist.

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A NOT SO FAIRY TALE

BY ROY S. FOWLER, SR.
SALEM, OR.

Once upon a time a little boy was born in a far Western town. He lived with his mother on a houseboat. Whether the fact that he lived on a houseboat had anything to do with it or not, but he became very curious about many things. He watched boats from many lands go up and down the river. Some of these boats had unusual names on them and sometimes the names were printed in letters that made no sense to him. Occasionally, he would see little brown people with slanted eyes looking at him. Or big burly blond men would shout at him in a language he didn't understand. He soon learned that these boats came from lands filled with people that lived and spoke differently than he did. His curiosity became even greater and he wondered what their home looked like, what their children did, what kind of games did they played, what they ate, and what their country was like. He knew that he wouldn't be able to go see all these things for himself but decided that he would learn all he could about this wonderful large world around him.

Like all little boys, he became a collector. Stamps, coins, keys, locks, rocks, and a myriad of other things. Time went on. He grew up, met and married his Pricess and raised a family. He still never lost all his curiosity and he and his Princess instilled in their children the wonders of curiosity. He knew by now that the world could give memories that would bring joy. They travelled as much as they could on the small income that they had and enjoyed every new place they saw. Each vacation saw them tenting, trailering, or sleeping in the open in their sleeping bags. They all accumulated some beautiful memories. For they lived in a very blessed land. One in which they could freely go almost where ever they desired.

The country-side was often breathtaking. Hardly ever was it dull or uninteresting. No matter where they went they found fun things to do, interesting places to see and lots of friendly folks.

As times went on their children grew up married and had children of their own. They also continued being curious and taught their children in the manner they had been taught. To love and respect this wonderful land they live in.

We now come back to the little boy, for he really never grew up. He and his Princess still were curious and loved to travel. Along the way they acquired a beautiful chrome elongated rolling machine which they took along with them. I fact, it paid their way around that wonderful country they lived in. They would make arrangements to roll elongated coins for some affairs as far away as they could manage and then stopping at Flea Markets and other places along the way to pay for the trips. They made new friends and saw so many more wonderful places that they filled many albums with pictures and stories. When they get to the time they can no longer travel physically, they will travel by reliving those wonderful trips from those albums and books.

This little boy still hasn't been to many of those foreign lands, but he hasn't missed going very much because he has had such a good time going to places in his own land.

In looking over a map he and his Pricess found that the little area that they lived in had many interesting places they haven't been to yet. So they are making an effort to visit them now. They have to: the Astor Column, the many beaches on the ocean (all owned by the state and easily available to the traveller), the many interesting

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places on the coast, like, the world's shortest river, the world's smallest harbor, the place where the Sealions come to bear their many young ones and many great places to fish. Then they have been to the Crator Lake, the Oregon Caves, the Oregon Vortex, Multnomah Falls, Crown Point (where you can see for miles up and down the mighty Columbia River). They have hunted agates, fossils and petrified wood all over the state. Some are very rare and expensive and fun to look for. They have fished, hunted (mostly with a camera) all over the state. There are numerous Fairs, Exhibitions, Museums, Rodeos, Zoos, Theaters, Frstivals and so many other interesting and lively places that they are thinking of applying for another life to live so they can take in all these wonders. Needless to say, that would be impossible but to any that live in this great big wonderful land of ours we want you to say, "stand back world. We want to enjoy every minute of this life we have and want to see everything that we can because we are only going this way once."

BEAUTIFUL LEATHER ELONGATED CASES

BY SALLY KIRKA
MANCHESTER, CONN.

In the April issue of TEC NEWS, John Spadone had a picture of his grandson holding a beautiful hand made leather album or it could be called a special case to carry your coins to the shows, or convention. It is not a small case and can hold many pages of my elongated coins.

The hammered out design is outstanding and very well made. On each case in big letters on both sides it has "Elongated Coins." Even has a picture of six elongated coins on each case. John Spadone had these three cases, which I now read were made by a former TEC member. Each of the albums or cases as I call them are all made different and are really beautiful and I know that if some members saw them they would want one. They are also one of a kind as no two can be made the same way. I now have all three.

One of the cases has all six elongated coins on it that Dottie Dow made years ago. These cases should be seen to be appreciated. I will never sell anyone of them as just to nice to part with. Each case has a zipper in the middle which goes around three sides so case opens as a book. You can store many pages to store elongated coins or use it as a case with your things when you go to the TEC meeting. One thing I must say I'm happy to be the proud owner of these beautiful hand made leather cases. If I can carry all I may just bring one to the TEC meeting in Boston.

Charles B. Severs, 1208 Potomac Place, Louisville, Ky. 40214, has rolled 8 new coins, Kentucky Wildcats, Bells of Louisville steamboat, Masonic, Churchill Downs, Lords Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Dixie, land, Truck Rodeo and a few others. Coins very nicely made. 50¢ each plus S.S.A.E. Trade one for two of your duplicates (different). For more information write and send S.S.A.E.

Doug Fairbanks Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, N.Y. 13078 has a 1982 price list on 66 pages of all kinds elongated coins for sale. To get this price list it will cost you $3.00 but lot of goodies to buy. So if you want to buy a lot of nice elongated coins, send for this list at once. I suggest you also send a S.S.A.E as this list may be all sold out by July.

THE TIME I REALLY BLUE IT

BY VANCE FOWLER
SALEM, OREGON

Experimenting around just for the sheer fun of it, makes a day of it sometimes. Recently, I made a die for a Chiness restaurant with a "Happy Buddha" on it, big tummy and all. That protruding tummy was meant for rubbing to give good luck.

I thought it would be nice to see how it looked with a darkened background and I tried a number of chemicals to see if it could be done easily and quickly. After my usual number of failures I found that a tiny bit of Gun Blue would produce a darker penny in seconds, and nickels too. After rinsing it off in water and a little polishing with a rag it produced a very interesting antique background effect which really highlights the impression. Some of them really look neat and the finish seems extremely durable.

A small bottle of the gun bluing solution will do hundreds of the coins. It can be purchased in almost any sporting goods store or large variety store for around $2.50. Try it! It will really add a different look to some of your elongated coins.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

BY GARY E. GLISE
ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Well isn't it? How about that free elongated coin we all receive with our TEC NEWS four times a year. When was the last time many of you said thank you or boy that was a real nice (free) elongated coin I received with the last "TEC NEWS" from what's his or her name.

Just because some one has a rolling machine and or has the talent to design nice looking dies, doesn't mean that they owe it to the rest of us to send a free elongated coin four times a year. Many times they let us know in TEC NEWS that a free elongated coin will be given if sent a stamped self-addressed envelope to a roller of elongated coins. Other have been known to give us a free coin when we send for an order of elongated coins. How many can say they wrote back and thanked the person for donating these free coins. Without their help we would not get all those coins. No other club gives so much to the members as TEC does. Lets hear it for all those wonderful people out there who sent along all those "freebees' THANKS!

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"RUDOLPH VALENTINO"
(1895-1926 CASTELLANETA, ITALY)

BY JOHN G. SPADONE
MIAMI, FLORIDA

The famous profile was the idol of women throughout the world. As a youngster, he studied some with his father who was a Veterinarian, before emigrating to America in 1913.

The first year in New York, unable to speak English, he took any job, or as a kitchen helper, gardener etc. Later he became an avid dancer and struggled to get into the movies. His first break was a bit part, as a dancer in the 1918 movie "Alimony". The next three years, he danced as an extra in seventeen films. In 1921 he played in "Four Horsemen of Apocalypse" screen written by June Matis and after the movie he was released from the M.G.M. contract. Valentino was immediately signed up by Paramount for "The Shiek", (novel by E.M. Hull), which made him the famous star.

The two scenes that caused the sensation was the introduction of the "Tango", which he danced with Agnes Ayres in "The Four Horsemen of Apocalypse", which became an international success. He previously danced the Tango on a 1917 tour with Bonnie Glass. The second sensation was in the movie "The Shiek", where the scene of Valentino's magnificent profile staring out over the desert, with eyes of burning passion. Drove the women mad with romantic fantasies.

Other Valentino movies were Blood and Sand, Monsieur Beaucaire, Camile, A Sainted Devil, The Eagle, Son of the Shiek, etc. Some of the glamorous leading ladies were Gloria Swanson, Agnes Aryes and etc.

His home was called Falcon Lair and he loved fame, fortune, sport cars, dazzling wardrobes, jewelry, wrist watches were unheard of in 1920, etc.

He died at the peak of his career August 23, 1982 from a rupture stomach hemmorage, but the exact cause of his death was never determined. The next morning at 6 a.m. crowds gathered at the Campbell Funeral Home. The N.Y.C. Police were called to control the 10,000 people that swarmed by noon and at 2 p.m. the doors of the Parlor were open to the public. The people rushed in to catch a glimpse of the famous Italian Profile and later was placed in a glass coffin to protect him from the people. Since Valentino didn't have a burial plot, it was decided to bury him in Hollywwod, California. The body was sent to Pasadena by train, where crowds greeted the body. He was placed in June Mathias family crypt a friend and screen writer of his first successful movie.

Jean Acker was his first wife, a four year marriage to Natacha Rambova, a business manager and last marriage was to Pola Negri at time of his death. This was a tremendous tragedy to the sobbing and hysterical women around the world, that mourned the death of this attrective film star.

I just lately have made which I think is the first elongated coin on Valentino! See more on this coin on Buy-Sell-Trade page in this issue or send me 75¢ and S.S.A.E. for the coin. Write to John Spadone, 4872 N.W. 171 st-Terrace, Miami, Florida 33055.

COINS DONATED

The elongated coin given with this issue of TEC NEWS was donated by Irving Canter of Brooklyn, New York. It is a coin of an owl and that he is a TEC Board of Director from 1981 to 1983. A special thank you goes to you Irving for your nice coin from all of us.

"YESTERDAYS ELONGATEDS"
PUBLISHED BY LEE MARTIN AND DOTTIE DOW 1981

by DOTTIE DOW
PHOENIX, ARIZ.

The second elongated book is now out and I can't thank Lee Martin enough for pitching in and taking over, when I almost went blind, because of the shingles virus which I caught in NYC, while attending the ANA convention five years ago. Even though I lost a lot of the new additional photos I had taken for the second book, God was good to me in that flood I had in my house in 1972, as all the original 8 ½ x 11 sheets with all the type set descriptions and photos were on a high shelf and never got wet.

Lee was able to get all these photos and type settings and incorporated them into the new book, and that's one of the reasons why the new book is 8 ½ x 11. The other reason is because elongated collectors had requested larger photos.

When I had put out the first Elongated Book, I had to have the pages reduced, to reduce the cost of printing, as I financed the whole thing myself, and I didn't know if I'd even sell 50 of the 517 that were printed.

I made the promise, that this FIRST edition would never be reprinted until new pages were added and the book brought up to date on older issues again. That's why so many collectors had to wait for a new book. I would not go back on my oral words to my fellow collectors.

When Lee Martin said he would take over the work I had done toward the second book, I was deeply grateful. I hated to see all the hundreds of hours of work that I had put in "go down the drain," but most of all I didn't want the elongated collectors to be disappointed.

After living in the semi darkness and shadows, most of my eyesight returned. (Not enough to do any more fine detail work describing "Lord's Prayer" differences).

I took a special trip over to California and turned everything over to Lee. All the 3x5 cards that I had typed up on all the older issues. On the Lords Prayer alone I had spent over 600 hours in comparing coin to coin, so other elongated collectors could tell the difference from the descriptions.

A picture may be worth a 1000 words, but with comparing minute details, I am sure that all of you avid collectors will agree that the words are a necessity. You may think its easy to see the difference in two varieties, but putting it into words, for others to be able to tell which variety they have, is not as easy as you think, try it some time.

Lee did an outstanding job in pitching in, it was hard on me being in Arizona and his being in California.

When the final paste-ups were ready for the printers, Lee took photos of all the pages and sent them over for proof reading to me. I proof read for 20 hours of 24 hours, with us having telephone communication as batches were finished with corrections. I know we didn't find all the errors, but we did the best we could.

After I finished proof reading the last page, I asked Lee Martin about an elongated advertising book, he said there wasn't one. I said there had to be one as there was one for the first book, and should be one for the second book.

Lee put a copy of the book cover "lay out," in the mail to me the next day. I got it when I got home from work 2 days later, and worked all night (till 4 am)doing what I considered an appropriate elongated for the second book. We only had ten days to get an elongated made and in Lee's hands for the ANA convention. I had to do the artwork, then there had to be a zinc plate made, and this zinc was then taken to Ben Mixon for use in engraving the die.

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God Bless "BEN", he always come thru. Within a week we had the die and H. Schmal rolled 1,000 coins, we had them into the mail to Lee 8 days from start to finish, 2 days before Lee went to the ANA. Lee wanted to just give one out with the book, I said NO, I think its good advertising, I made it to be used as such, and I wanted every member of TEC and CCE to have one. I do hope you like it. Now if you haven't ordered yours yet "ORDER IT NOW" the address is on the coin. My thanks from you comes with your orders. I hope you like the coin, I know you will like the book. Thanks again Lee.....

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WORLDS FAIR ELONGATED COINS
FOR KNOXVILLE, TENN. 1982

BY FRANK BRAZZELL
TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

On May 3rd, 1982, I already had made eight dies for the 1982 Worlds Fair. I received my first order from Gary and Phyllis Bible of Greenville, S.C. on 8/4/81 and I did the Energy Globe for them. At the time I did not know it was a registered trademark and was not to be for commercial use. On April 3rd, 1982 they called me and wanted a Sphere elongated coin die made so I made a die with the star border for them. In the meantime I had made about the same type Globe die for a Mr. Grant in Memphis, Tenn. and then he wanted a Sphere die also so we made die 70-C on April 3, 1982 and the Sphere on April, 23 1982 for him. I had told him not to advertise the Globe die as to it being a registered trademark item so he decided to go with the new Sphere die. He wanted us to roll 10,000 coins to help get him started so I engraved two dies.

One was on his steel roll with three other dies and another on a roll by itself. I put one roll on my electric machine and one roll on the hand machine and two of us started rolling the 10,000 coins. When they were finished I sent the coins and the steel roll with the #82-A die type 1. I say type 1 because the other die that I kept is engraved a little deeper and the border and Sphere lines are sharper, so you can tell the two different coins even though both were done from the same art work. It is a good thing I had made this extra die as it came in handy later.

On April 25, 1982 I received another order for a Sphere die from a Mr. Wayne Ashford of Memphis and I did the die #85-A as shown below. Before that I had sold a machine to a Mr. James Bond from New York and he wanted a Globe die made so I had made another Globe die and it was #87-D as I did not get it finished till latter in the month. He purchased the machine and gave me order for the die on the 15th so I dated the art work on that date. He figured this may be a good die later on as it will be a limited item. The Fair charges something like $40,000 dollars to give permission to use the logo on souvenirs down there. Up to that time we had made six different dies for four different people.

On April 29th Mr. Roth from Michigan came in and wanted a machine to take to the Worlds Fair. It seems he had rented a spot on a parking lot outside the gate and wanted to put a machine there. Now you know you don't just whip up a die in a couple minutes and he wanted to put the machine in place on Friday before the Fair opened on Saturdav and wanted a machine and die right now. Well, lucky I had the extra die I made of #82-A so I told him the story about this and how we had already rolled 10,000 for the order and I would let him use that die while I made him one for his new machine. He said if it went over good he would be back to buy another machine for another parking lot and maybe a third machine. I figure well, you know how it is. So I started to work on the art work and his die. He left for Knoxville to the Fair.

I finished his die over the weekend and on Monday May 3rd I received a call at 9 a.m. and Mr. Roth is in Louiseville, Ky. on his way back to buy another machine. He wanted to know if I had die ready. I said it was ready and would be on machine ready to go when he got here. About 2 p.m. in the afternoon he pulled in and we loaded the machine. I sold him 10 bags of 1982 cents to go with the machine as he was having trouble getting cents there and he told me he may want another machine in a couple weeks. I figure well, you know how that is. Anyhow I am working on another die for Mr. Roth.

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WORLDS FAIR ELONGATED COINS FOR KNOXVILLE, TENN. 1982

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I have pictures below of the seven different dies I have made to date. The Bible die and the Roths die have not been given numbers yet as I do not have them listed in my book. I did test roll some coins off each die and have a few available at 50¢ each plus S.S.A.E. Also I think most of the people who have these dies may be members of TEC by now and may have ads on them. If so buy the coins from them. If you can't get them I will sell you what I have till I run out. If you visit the Worlds Fair and see a rolling machine on one of the parking lots, stop and say Hi to Mr. Roth or his son Don and buy a coin.

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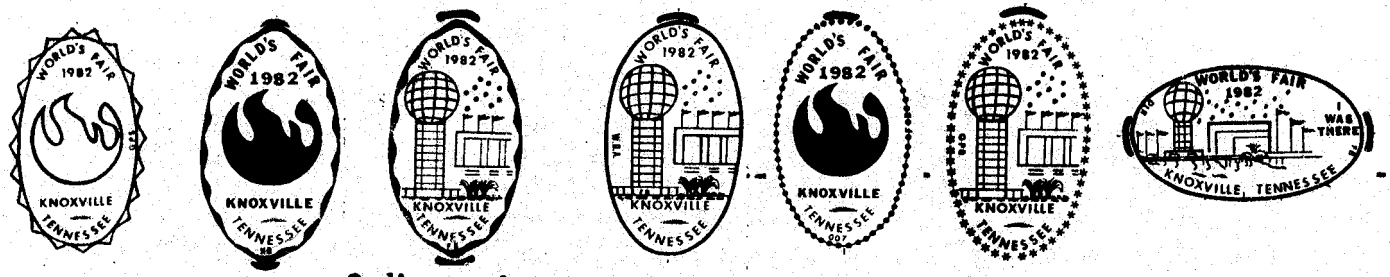

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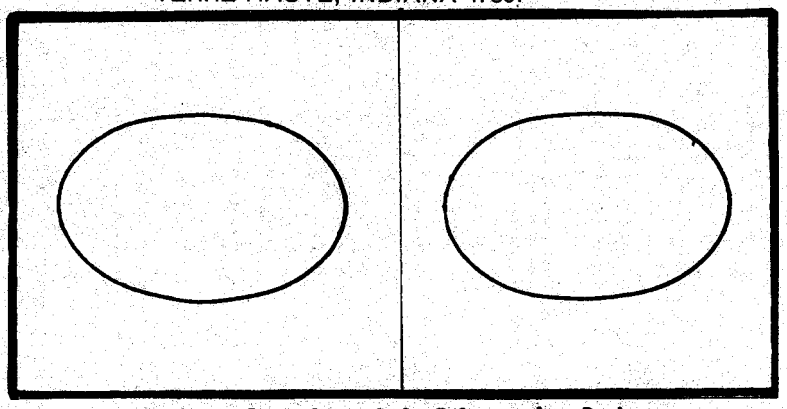

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